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### THE CABINET.

#### Sewer Contract Let on Short Tender. Court of Claims.

The Cabinet met yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. There were present MITAMURA .- Office 530 Nun- President Dole and Ministers Mott-8t; Tel 554; P. O. box 842; resi- Smith, Young, Damon and Cooper.

> The question of the sewer awards was brought up and after careful discussion it was voted that the contract for the construction of the sewerage be awarded to Messrs. Vincent & Beiser on their short time tender.

The action of the President was approved, appointing Messrs. J. Alfred Magoon, George A. Davis, Lorrin Andrews, A. Noa Kepoikal and Albert F. Judd, Jr., as a Court of Commissioners to take evidence of losses caused by the burning of Chinatown, in Honolulu, either by the direct orders of the Board of Health or incidental thereto, and to make awards and judgments on such losses, in accordance with the auhority conferred by President McKin-

ley. The Cabinet also approved of the rules and regulations, issued as an executive order by the President, cailing into force the commissioners as organized as a "Court of Claims for Losses laused by the Board of Health in the Suppression of Bubonic Plague."

It was decided that the Executive Council request the Council of State o appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for he expenses of the Court of Claims, ic., according to the following items: Finance Department-Pay of Commissioners of the Court and incidentals, \$15,000.

Attorney General's Department-Pay of counsel for the Government,

These items are based on estimates months and are as follows: Five Commissioners at \$10 per day

One clerk at \$150 per month. Two stenographers at \$125 per month

Three interpreters at \$5 per day each.

One janitor and messenger at \$40 per month. Counsel for Government, \$500 retain-

on its merits. It was voted that the Executive Council request the Council of State

o appropriate \$2,500 for the further maintenance of Relief Camps 1 and 2. in the old days and the hardshell Dem-It was voted to adopt the opinion of the Attorney General of April 2d, that the petition of 800 Japanese to be releved from payment of taxes for the current year, owing to their inability o meet the same on account of disreas arising from the loss of their property in the fire of January 20th, cannot be granted according to the the power to repeal this law is not

vested in the Council of State. In the matter of the petition of Mr. he Appraiser's office from August 5th, 1896, to October 20th, 1897, Mr. Cooper Onl Engineer; office Campbell Mr. Zerbe ad been continued in office ment of the claim from the fact that and the Custom house had accepted his services for fourteen months and that he had performed the duties of the appraiser during that time. It was decided that the Executive Council report to the Council of State that It Organization of a Republican Party considers this a matter for the Legisla-

ure to act upon hereafter. The Cabinet decided to insert an item of \$300 in the appropriation bill There having been considerable disnow before the Council of State to cussion and apparent misunderstandcover the amount paid into the treasury by Mr. M. T. Bluxome for a ship-Affine Honolulu, H. I.; sketches ping master's license, which was afterping master's license, which was after- Republican organization in Honolulu, Henry James was once praising the wards revoked by the Interior Depart- in connection with the League of Re- work of a fellow-author. "You are very cordance with section 1260 of the Penal I have from that body, it seems to me "for he says very unpleasant things Code, which requires that there shall timely to make a statement to the Re- about your work" "Ah," said Mr.

Begins to Boil In Honolulu.

# TIM MURRAY'S NEW PARTY

HONOLULU MERCANTILE AGENCY R. W. Shingle Explains His Position And Murray Himself Has His Little Fling.

After cogitating for awhile as whether the new party had better be alled Republican, Democratic or Non-Partisan, the Murrayites, in the course of their caucus last week, decided to call it Republican. So it will be Republican until further notice. Captain Murray, it is understood, is a good Democrat, but that is not going to stand in the way of his being useful to the country or the country being useful trated. For sale by all newsdealers, to him. Tonight at Murray Hall the clans will get together and throw of some oratory. Whether there will be an League into the National League;



T. B. MURRAY.

0.00.00.00.00.00.00.00 a row depends on circumstances, but as Tim is a great stickler for harmony and as the police will be on hand, the chances are that Republicanism will get out of the hall with a whole skin

Of course there will be dissenters Tim's party has always been full of hem since its earliest days-way back before it was called the American League even. Will E. Fisher has already bolted because the party strainfor expenses for the forthcoming six ed so hard at the Democratic donkey before swallowing the Republican elephant. R. W. Shingle comes out in a letter below to show why the organization of a Republican party is premature. Perhaps both will be on hand tonight to have their say. And there are

Politics in the Democratic camp is er fee and \$7 for each case adjudicated not particularly lively, but it will be if Clarence W. Ashford comes down here, He Replies to a Recent Correspondas he says he will, to organize the party. Clarence was always a Republican ocrats, men like Dr. McGrew and Wm. C. Wilder, are not likely to accept his leadership without a protest.

Editor Testa is figuring on making the Independent the great Democratic organ of Hawaii. He thinks he will And say! Just between ourselves, tell ties. stated that he was in favor of the pay- me what the real difference is between a Democrat and Republican?"

> To return to the Murray proposals, here is Mr. Shingle's pronunciamento:

## R. W. SHINGLE EXPLAINS.

## Is Premature.

To the Republicans of Honolulu: ing, as evinced by the recent proposed Code, which requires that there shall timely to make a statement to the Re- about your work publicans, outlining my attitude and James, "but then both of us may be what I consider to be my duty, not only wrong!"

to the League but to the Republicans of the Islands as a whole. Since annexation was first assured there has been an honest difference of opinion among Republicans of the Isiands upon the immediate necessity of party organization. In the early part of last year there was a strong feeling

among a great many that there should be no delay of the party formulating and that it was advisable to organize Republican clubs at once. To bring this matter squarely before the people, a public meeting was called at the Chamber of Commerce on March 9, 1899. The matter was given the fullest discussion, with the result that the foilowing resolution was adopted:

"It is the sense of this meeting that no auxiliary body of the Republican party be formed prior to the formation of the general Republican party in these Islands, and, further, that the time for the formation of such general Republican party has not yet arrived." There can be no question about the

regularity of this meeting and it was thoroughly representative. In response to a letter written him by a Honolulu Republican concerning mmediate drganization, Secretary D. if. Stine of the National Republican League, wrote me the following, outming the manner in which our local Republicans should obtain representa-

ion in the League: 'A few days since lareceived a letter from - of your city, in which he stated that Republicans in Honolulu ad held a meeting, the purpose of which was to organize, a Republican could to be a part of the National Re-publican League, and asked for in-structions as to how they should pro-

in reply I informed him that the acion of the last National League Convertica virtually admitted the Hawaiihat all that remained for the Republians of the Island to do was to proceed and organize clubs, these clubs send delegates or representatives to a Territorial convention, which you, by virue of your position as member of the Nat one | Executive Committee, had auhority to call, and at said convention organize your a critorial League by lecting a premient, secretary, treas mer, in executive committee, and I suggested an organizer, and at the

same time adopt a constitution, It is evident from this letter that he can eral scheme which the National expects me to follow consists in the forming of separate clubs throughout the Islands, which shall hold a convention at some future time. Under these circumstances it would be impossible as well as unjust to the National League and to the Republicans of the Islands, for me to recognize any one club as representing the National League in Hawali.

The National League has entrusted a esponsibility in me which I would by transfer and shall relinquish at the fact Territorial convention, but it ... on me to make such a s incumb ransfer in a manner that will be satisfactory to the Leag o and to all the

Republicans in the Islands. I consider the resolution passed at he meeting held on March 9, one year ago, as binding upon me both as a Republican and a representative of the League. herefore, I cannot take any steps toward organization until the general Republican party has been established by the calling of a Territorial convention, which is to send a delegate to the National Pepublican Convention to be held in Philadelphia this sum-

I might further add that the resolution of last year indicates, and the present prevailing sentiment throughout the Islands is, so far as I am able to learn, that no steps toward party organization should be taken until the Territorial law now being considered v Congress, becomes operative.

R. W. SHINGLE. Honolula, April 2d.

## TIM MURRAY ANSWERS.

## ent of This Paper.

Editor Advertiser: -An article appears in the "Advertiser" of this morning, qu stioning the authority of my self or others to organize a Republican Party for these Islands. Permit me to inform my "Republican" friend that no person has any abs ate property in the word "Republic: " but that have the field all to himself. To make any body of qualified voters of Repubpresent law providing for the assess- ready for the responsibility, Mr. Testa lican sympathies are entitled to approment and collection of taxes, and that is doing a lot of quiet pipe-laying to the priate the name for their use, and by \$20,000 for the purpose aforesaid, doors and windows, new matting need reservoirs of information, "Norrie so doing acquire a qualified property divided as follows: \$15,000 for the and I," he said the other day, "have the first in the field. The above is the therein, always provided that they are H. Zerbe for \$726.26 in payment of been talking the thing over and we position taken by the "National Rewages claimed by him for services in think our best lay is to be Democratic. publican" and all other political par-

> It is very evident, from your corres pondent's reference to Mr. Shingle's authority, that he has confounded the "National Republican Party" with the Mr. Shingle wil no doubt inform him, should he care to inquire.

> A call is abou, to issue for a Republican mass meeting, and I hope that my "Republican" friend and all others of like sympathies will attend. Full

and free speech to all. T. B. MURRAY. Honolulu, April 2, 1900.

# Department.

Three New Fire Stations are Provided For - Fire Appropriation -Passed -- Zerbe's Claim.

Interest in the Council of State proceedings yesterday was centered largey upon the appropriation of \$20,000 asked for by the Executive Council for the carrying on of the work of the Court of Claims. Considerable discussion resulted over one of the rules of the Court relative to the \$20 % e to be paid when each claim is filed. It was emphatically pointed out that the fee would bar out many claimants who are too poor to advance the amount and hire a lawyer as well, and that in reallty the poor people, who have the smallest claim, would receive less in the and than they were entitled to.

President Dole called the Council of State to order shortly after 3 o'clock. the following Councilors answering: the roll call: Robertson, Allen, Ena, Kantukou: "I claim the Council of Kennedy, Boffe, Jones, Gear, Acht. State should pass this bill on three Kaulukou, Nott, Robinson, Isenberg Young, Damon and Cooper were pres- plague."

The minutes of the preceding meet

ing were read and approved. Young read the Executive Council : September. After the license was duly fied the Interior Department that the law." license was void, because there can be the full amount of his license fee.

Damon moved that the resolution of

of Relief Camps 1 and 2. Mr. Damon stated that the camps would probably be on a self-supporting basis soon, and would cerive a revenue from the rent of rooms. Further appropriations he did not think

would be asked. Special Act No. 8, incorporating the appropriation of \$2,500 was read, requiring but one reading before the Council.

Jones moved and Isenberg seconded, that the act be passed as read. Robertson asked to what date the appropriation would carry the camp. Mr. Young replied that the camps were ready to be self-supporting. At present' they were in sore need of money, being visable to go to the Judiciary Committee necessary for the caying-off of the assistants and others on the pay roll. The act passed without further com-

Damon: "As you nave seen by the to that effect." morning paper, the Executive has appointed a commission, or Court of the bill to the Judiciary Committee, tained by the recent fires, and the next same to the Finance Committee was step is to provide sufficient funds that carried by a rising vote. through for six months. Action was made an estimate of the cost of making this day taken by the Executive Coun- needed repairs to the Judiciary buildcil to appropriate \$20,000 for the Court ing, amounting to \$4,300. This included of Claims expenses." Mr. Damon then repairing of plaster inside the building read Special Act No. 7, appropriating and tinting it; painting and graining; Finance Department, and \$5,000 for in bad condition; on the outside the the Attorney-General's Department, for the employment of counsel for the ed on the roof and tower. He moved Court of Claims. The items are noted that the estimates be referred to the in another column in the Cabinet proceedings.

"This Act," said Mr. Damon, "is based upon the correspondence that the bill. Carried. has passed between the Executive and Mott-Smith read the action taken by "National Republican League," and President McKinley, and has received the Executive Council in regard to the his sanction. We will not ask the petition from Japanese Consul M'ti Council to appropriate any money for Saito relative to the request to be the payment of the claims; that will relieved from taxation for the present be left to the next Legislature." The Minister of Finance moved that

the Act be passed as read.

#### Plea for Poor Claimants. Achi: "I want to know if the Coun-

cil of State has the right to ask the Executive Council to change the rules ed. Carried. of the Court of Claims, because I noment on account of its not being in ac- publican Clubs and the authority which kind of him," said some one present, tice the government has provided at-"Ah." said Mr. torneys for the Court of Claims. I The vote of the Executive Council was also notice that the rules require that the sum of \$20 has to be paid before a

case can be filed with the Court. Suppose a man has a claim of only \$25 and he has to pay 'his fee of \$20 to file it? This will be in injustice to them. Besides that, they will have to , 1y a lawyer's fee. If the salaries of the members of the Court are to b paid by the Government, I believe that the Council ought to see to it tha justice is given the people who hav small claims. I am willing to a s he Bin, but at the same time I think we Coun-Reports on Interior the fee pro rata, according to the size of the claim. Persons who have claims for \$75,000 should not be included with claimants, poor people, who have only a \$25 or \$50 claim. He has got to pay a lawyer; if he has to pay \$20 for a claim of \$20, he had better not make any claim at all. By this time we have discovered that the poor people have suffered a great deal more than the rich ones."

> Dole: "The Council of State have no power to change these gules, but they have the right to recommend changes." Kaulukou: "I also wish some information in regard to the Court of Claims, I see that Mr. Magoon has been appointed as President of the

> Commission. I believe Mr. Magoon owns much property in Chinatown; Who is going to take his place when his claims are considered. He owns lots of land there. I don't think he would have any right to sit on his claims."

> he is personally interested in. The rest will sit, however." Kaulukou: "I would like to have this act referred to the Council to consider carefully."

Dole: "He cannot sit on any matter

Ka-ne: "It seems to me that the bill must take some course of investigation in the Council. It is a new matter altogether. I move that the bill se referred to the Finance Committee." Damon: "The bill has already re-

ceived the authorization of President McKinley for the expenditure of this sum of money, and requires only one reading."

readings instead of one, because it is and Robinson, Ministers' Mott-Smith, entirely independent of expenses of Mott-Smith: "I do not remember the exact words of the telegram from

Washington authorizing the appointment of the Court, but the purport of action in regard to refunding \$300 to it is that the Executive appoint five M. T. Bluxome, for Shipping Master's commissioners to adjudicate fire losses, license illegally issued to him last and to have the Council of State make an appropriation of money for exssued to Bluxome, the Marshal noti- penses in conformity with Hawaiian

Achi moved that the bill be referred to the Judiciary Committee. In answer but two shipping masters for the port to a question, Mr. Dole replied that the of Honolulu. Blu one thereupon made Supreme Court had no authority under a claim to the Interior Department for the Hawaiian law to entertain these fire claims.

Robertson: "President McKinley the Executive Council to the Council having authorized the appointment of of State be laid on the table and taken the Court of Claims and provided that up with the appropriation bill. Car- the Council of State should appropriate money for the Court's expenses, it Damon read the Executive Council's seems to me as a natural consequence action in regard to an appropriation of it intended to provide the Court with \$2,500 recommended to the Council of ways and means to carry the work on. State for passage for the maintenance it could not do without funds. I do not say, however, that I have agreed with the policy of the Executive altogether in suggesting to President Mc-Kinley the appointment of a Court of Claims. It will be a great hardship upon a number of people in the community who have lost property through the suppression of plague, and I can not see where the money is coming from to pay for these losses. The figures will run up into millions of dolars. I don't think this government an compensate the losers for what they have lost. In consequence, I am not in favor of the Court of Claims at all.

"It seems to me the proper thing that the bill should go to a committee for investigation. I don't think it adfor the reason that lawyers are interested in the appointment of the Court. It seems to me the Finance Committee, as suggested, would be the more appropriate committee, and I make a motion

The first motion being put, to refer Claims, to adjudicate the losses sus- was lost. The motion to refer the

s estimated will carry the commission Young stated that Mr. Ouderkirk had ed in nearly all the rooms, floors were cement work was in need of repairs and new paint, and repairs were need-Committee on Interior Appropriations. Gear moved that the estimates be laid on the table and taken up with

> year. He said the Attorney General was opposed to granting the petition. on the ground that the Council of State would have to repeal the law before the petition could be granted, and furthermore the Council of State. in his opinion, had no such power. Achi moved that the report be adopt-

> The report of the Executive Council proceedings upon the claim of Henry Zerbe was read by Mr. Mott-Smith.

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